Welcome to Story Station U, your local radio broadcast where campus life meets American headlines! I'm your host, Madilyn Becker, and I'll be breaking down the recent news that could change your weekend plans- or maybe your future!

A quick reminder! You can check out my sources for today's episode on WGSU's website under the programming schedule! Click on Story Station U to see my script and sources for every episode!

As I'm sure you all remember, last Tuesday was election day. If you feel like the news has been overwhelmingly thrown at you this past week, you're not alone, and you're in the right place! I'm going to be breaking down all the headlines!

Let's kick off tonight's show with an election recap. Former president Donald Trump beat current vice president Kamala Harris in this election. Donald Trump won every key battleground state, ultimately carving his path to win the election. Let's take a closer look at these key states. Pennsylvania voted Republican in the 2016 election, then shifted and voted blue in 2020. This year, the state shifted back and voted Republican again. North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Michigan, all followed this same voting pattern over the course of the past three elections. Georgia voted Democrat in both 2016 and 2020, but this year turned red.

Continuing to breakdown Donald Trump's path to victory, here's a closer look at U.S. voting patterns over the past few election cycles, according to The New York Times. In the 2024 election, the former president lost to Kamala Harris in many cities and suburbs of key states. He lost these areas to Joe Biden in 2020 as well, but by a larger margin. Combining trends from the 2020 and 2024 elections, the numbers show that Democrat candidates have been losing ground in cities and suburbs, and support for Donald Trump has grown in rural areas. Support for the former president also increased by over 13 points in this election, compared to 2020. He also made gains among black and Native American voters since the last election. Counties of the U.S. popular for manufacturing largely voted Republican in 2016, and then shifted to Democrat in 2020. This year, these counties shifted back to voting majority red. Farming counties voted Republican in both 2016 and 2020, but still their support for the Republican candidate increased in 2024 by over 3 points. Even in states that voted largely Democrat in 2016 and 2020, like Virginia, Georgia, and Texas, there was an increase in the number of votes for the Republican candidate in this election.

Also during this year's election, Republicans won control of the senate. While it is still too early to call which party will win the House of Representatives, Donald Trump praised his party's win in the senate as ''incredible''. The Republicans' victory in the senate would help Donald Trump to appoint more conservative Supreme Court judges and other government personnel, as he did during his last term as president, from 2016 to 2020.

Donald Trump's opponent, current Vice President Kamala Harris, delivered her concession speech from her alma mater, Howard University in Washington, D.C. She held her election night watch party here the previous night. She said in her speech that while she

concedes this election, she does not concede ‘’the fight that fueled’’ her campaign. According to Politico News, many of the vice president’s aides believed she did not distance herself enough from current president, Joe Biden, in order to win Americans over to her future-focused campaign. Harris may have had higher chances of winning the election if she made her plans more distinct and separate from President Biden’s, especially on the key issue of the economy. About 6 in 10 voters disapproved of the current president, and Donald Trump won many of them over, according to the Associated Press. Kamala Harris was also forced to run her campaign under a shortened timeline- a challenge that Donald Trump did not face. Joe Biden did not step away from his 2024 campaign until August. This left the Democrats with no time to hold a primary election, and forced his vice president to campaign under ‘’historic circumstances,’’ as the president said himself after Harris’ concession speech. Three advisors to Harris’ campaign spoke anonymously with the Associated Press, saying they were deeply frustrated with the president’s failure to step out the running for the 2024 election sooner.

Donald Trump became the first president to win two, non-consecutive, terms since Grover Cleveland as the 22nd and 24th president, however, that was far from the only historic ‘’first’’ in this year’s election! Sarah McBride became the first transgender person to be elected to Congress. She won Delaware’s seat in the House of Representatives after serving two terms as a senator for the state. Andy Kim also made history as the first Korean American elected to the U.S. senate. He comes from serving in Congress as a Democrat representative for New Jersey. Democrat Emily Randall was also elected as the first openly LGBTQ+ person, and woman to represent Washington’s 6th congressional district in Congress. Julie Johnson was elected to represent Texas’ 32nd congressional district. This made her the first first openly LGBTQ+ person to represent Texas in congress.

President-elect Trump has named Susie Wiles to be his chief of staff. She would be the first female to hold this position. She has little experience holding official government positions, but has worked for multiple Republicans, helping them to create their campaigns. In 2010, Wiles ran Rick Scott’s victorious campaign for Florida governor. In 2012, she co-chaired Mitt Romney’s Florida advisory council for his presidential campaign. More recently, she served as Donald Trump’s Florida campaign director in 2016, and senior advisor on his 2024 presidential bid.

Now, lets break for a short PSA from WGSU!

And those were your WGSU PSA’s!

Now, it’s time to examine the effects of the 2024 election. Starting off with data from The Trevor Project, which is described as the “the leading suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for” young members of the LGBTQ+ community. The organization saw a 200% increase in conversations regarding the election during its intervention services. Also according to The Trevor Project, “90% of LGBTQ+ young people said recent politics negatively impacted their well-being” and “anti-transgender policies” have “increased suicide attempts among transgender youth” by up to 72%. Many Americans felt their mental health impacted by this

election, not just those in the LGBTQ+ community. The day after the election, Zocdoc, an online based healthcare provider saw mental health related bookings increase by 22% between the hours of 6 and 8am.

Another effect of the 2024 presidential election: The Department of Justice uncovered, and arrested three men in connection to, a plot to kill president-elect Trump. The U.S. government has raised concerns that this attack was a revenge-plot for a 2020 drone strike that killed a general of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. The strike was ordered by Donald Trump during his first presidential term.

The Womens' March organization is facing concerns after only a few hundred people showed up to their protest this past Saturday in Washington after Donald Trump's victory. In 2017, after the president-elect's inauguration, thousands of people gathered in Washington D.C. protesting Donald Trump's victory. Now, after his second victorious election, the movement is facing concerns of where its future is headed. 46% of women who voted in this election casted their votes for Trump. The executive director of Womens' March, Rachel O'Leary Carmona, spoke to The New York Times after the organization's protest on Saturday. She said ''the mood is different, the movement is different. But the mandate has not changed". She continued to tell The New York Times that Womens' March is focused on ''re-energizing its base and getting newcomers". The organization had another protest planned in D.C. for president-elect Trump's inauguration in January, but is now re-branding the event. It will be called the Peoples' March on Washington and will now include many other groups and coalitions coming together with Womens' March to protest against Donald Trump's policies on hot topics such as abortion access and immigration.

However, the effects of this election were not all negative. Many Americans felt happy and uplifted by the results. CNN spoke to some citizens, with the happy respondents telling journalists that they feel "seen" and have "hope for a better future".

No matter how you're feeling right now, it's so important to be mindful and take care of yourself! Do an activity you enjoy, or call a friend to talk! For SUNY Geneseo students, the Peace Action Club will be having a general meeting open to everyone focused on taking care of our mental health! The meeting will be held at 7pm in Bailey 246.

Donald Trump's presidential inauguration will take place on January 20th, 2025. Until then, stay tuned to Story Station U for every news headline- so you can be the most up-to-date out of all your friends!

To end tonight's show, I'll be introducing a new segment of Story Station U: a moment of good news! This week's good news story is of an 18 month-old dog who recently won first place in the 2024 Hero Dog Awards! The young bloodhound, named Bo, works as a k-9 police dog and travels with Sgt. David Rowland in the Gastonia police department in North Carolina. Bo works

as a search and rescue dog to find missing persons- and showers them with cuddles and kisses once they are found.

A little photo of Bo! :)

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We have time for a few more PSAs before I leave you to get back to work or studying!

The American Red Cross has a high need for blood and will be hosting a blood drive at **SUNY Geneseo's MacVittie College Union, on** Wednesday November 13th from twelve o'clock P-M to five o'clock P-M. Appointments are required and you can sign up online at red cross blood dot O-R-G. Donors will receive a **$10 gift card** and will be entered for a chance to **win a $7,000 gift card!**

The Livingston County ARC (ark) LIVES (lie-vs) Program is holding a painting event on November 15, 2024 in the SUNY Geneseo's MacVittie College Union rooms 322 and 323. Tickets are $5 and are available at the door. Guests will receive a canvas, paint brush, and paint to participate in the event. The ARC Lives program is a transitional 4-year program that provides students with intellectual and other developmental disabilities the opportunity to become more independent, as well as learn vocational and educational skills within an inclusive community. Again, the event is this Friday November 15, 2024 in the SUNY Geneseo's MacVittie College Union room 322 and 323.

Finally, in case you didn't know, 89-3 WGSU, Geneseo's Voice of the Valley's FM signal is back up and running after nearly a year away, so you can tune at 89.3 FM on your radio if you are in the Geneseo area!

Tune back in tonight at 9:00 for Student DJ show Corderstone with Edison Hubbard and 10:00 for Palate Cleanser with WGSU's Music Director, Ian Rieger.

Thank you for listening to Story Station U! Stay informed, go impress your friends with all your new knowledge, and tune in next Tuesday, same place, same time for your top headlines! I'm your host, Madilyn Becker, and I wish everyone an amazing rest of your week!